

## **POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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### **POLICY STATEMENT FAILURE TO OBTAIN REQUIRED CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

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A polysomnographic technologist in Tennessee is required to complete ten (10) hours of continuing education courses every calendar year (January 1 – December 31) that precede the licensure renewal year. (See Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0880-14-.09 regarding continuing education requirements.)

**Should the polysomnographic technologist fail to obtain the continuing education hours for a calendar year, the following shall occur:**

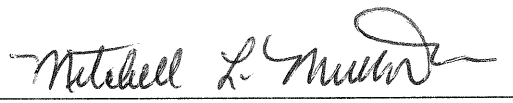
- 1. The polysomnographic technologist must pay a civil penalty in the amount of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each hour missed. Payment must be rendered within sixty days of notification from the Committee that the polysomnographic technologist has been found to have failed to obtain the required continuing education hours.**
- 2. The polysomnographic technologist must make up the amount of continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, in addition to completing the continuing education hours requirement for the current calendar year. The deficient hours must be made up within one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted to the Committee upon completion.**
- 3. The polysomnographic technologist must complete an additional ten (10) continuing education hours. This requirement is in addition to the requirement that the polysomnographic technologist make up the continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, and in addition to the continuing education hours' requirement for the current calendar year. The ten (10) hours must be made up within two years of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of completion of the deficient hours must be submitted to the polysomnographic technologist upon completion.**

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action. Failure to respond to the Committee request for documentation or to make up deficient continuing education hours after notification by the Committee may also result in disciplinary action. The Committee has authorized the use of an agreed citation for such disciplinary purposes. An agreed citation is reportable on the Department of Health's website and its monthly disciplinary action report.

**Adopted by the Polysomnographic Professional Standards Committee on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010.**

  
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**Adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners on this the 20th day of July 2010.**

  
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